

Homeschool Fridays 2006-2007 Schedule

August 11--How to Study a Battle: Our popular introductory session uses plastic soldiers to introduce fundamentals of military organization and tactics, useful in the study of battles from any historical period. This class should help you get more out of the study of any battle that comes along in your study of history.

September 8--Presbyterians and Privateers: South Carolina in the American Revolution: Our state had more military engagements in the Revolution than any other. Learn about partisan warfare in the back country, as well as the "patriotic pirates" fighting against the Royal Navy.

October 13--Like Grandfather, Like Grandson: Wade Hampton I and III: This will be the final month of our cavalry exhibit, so we will focus on the two famous South Carolina cavalrymen named Wade Hampton, one a Revolutionary patriot and the other a Confederate commander.

November 10--SC in Three Mexican Wars: Three?! That's right. The Texas War for Independence, the Mexican War, and the Pancho Villa border intervention of 1916! After our lesson, you'll be able to keep them all straight.

December 8--General Maxcy Gregg and the Battle of Fredericksburg / A Southern Homefront Christmas: Most Columbia citizens only know there's a swimming pool named for Maxcy Gregg. Learn the dramatic story behind the name! Also, learn about Christmas celebrations in nineteenth-century Columbia.

January 12, 2006--Ironclads and Ironies: Naval Adventures in Charleston: Features the story of Robert Small, the slave who commandeered a steamship, as well as the return of our smash-hit ironclad battle simulation.

February 9--Back in Blue: South Carolina Helps Free Cuba: In 1898, sons of Confederate and Union veterans, as well as the Buffalo Soldiers, would serve together under Old Glory in the fierce fighting in Cuba. Learn how the nation began to reconcile, while becoming a world power.

March 9--World War One: Yanks to the Rescue: The mud and misery of the trenches, and a war we have a lot to learn from. Particular emphasis on South Carolina's soldiers, including Medal of Honor winners James Heriot of the 30th Division and Freddie Stowers, of the segregated 371st regiment.

April 13--World War II: War with Wings: This year's WWII lessons will deal primarily with the experiences of airmen (and those, like the USS Columbia's crew, who fought them).

May 11: Program Conclusion and Awards!

Special Event (Date TBA): Palmetto Battalion/SC Confederate Relic Room & Museum Living History. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Relic Room will host an outdoor encampment of South Carolina Living Historians on museum grounds. Infantry drill, cavalry drill and cannon firing will all be demonstrated.